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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Reference: Docket No. 2009-489-E

We are outraged at the request of SCE&G'S request for a 9.5% rate hike.

Facts you should know:

1. SCE&G was approved for a 2.5% increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4% rate hike in 2008.
2. New rate hike will boost residential power bills for an average SCE&G customer by about \$140.00 by July 2011.
3. For Duke Power customers, the cost of 1,000 kilowatt hours is about \$93.00, following its recent rate increase. For SCE&G, the same level of power costs \$118.00. The rate boost, if granted, would put it at \$130.00.
4. SCE&G has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

It seems that SCE&G has a runaway rate hike program designed to significantly increase their profits at the cost of it's customers pocket book.. We feel that this gouging is wrong, and has to be stopped.

We ask that you will see that this rate hike is not necessary and refuse their request to raise rates yet again; this time for a whopping 9.5%
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Janice A. and Paul R. Gesche